standing on, issues of mutual interest were the major thrust of the discussions held between Prime Minister and Prime Minister Takeshita of Japan recently.

(b) to (d) Our bilateral relations have acquired geater momentum and content as a result of this visit. The Japanese . Government have expressed their willingness to increase econonasc cooperation with India and: shown interest in assisting in the modernisation of the Steel Plant at Burn-pur Prime Minister expressed his appreciation for the coopera'tiott *extended* by Japan iff India's economic develdpraent.

Manufacture ot Doornier-228 Aircraft

393 SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY": Witt the Minister Of DEFENCE *be* pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to abandon the manufacture of Dornier-228 which was planned to meet the needs of the Defence forces and the third line airliner Vayudbdt service's

(b) if so, what are the; main reason^ for abandoning the manufacture of Dormer aircraft in the country; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to equip the Defence forces with the aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY 0F DEFENCE (SHRI SHIV--\ RAJ PATIL) (a) no, Sir.

(b) and (e) Do not arise.

Concentration of Troops fry Pakistan inthe Pak-held Jammu and Kashmirarea

394. SHRI V. NARAVANASAMY Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan have intensified its military actvity and′ concentrated more treeps iff the Fate-Held area of Jaaariu and Kasmir and

(b) what are the counter meaaraes taken by Government to meet the challenges po-" sed by Pakistan in Jammu and Kashmir border recently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISATRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Government have seen some media reports in this regard but have no information to suggest any unusual movement or concentration of Pakistani troops in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir

(b) Government keep a close watch on all developments having a bearing" on our security with a view to faking appropriate measures to enswe fall defence preparedness.

InvoIcemrtrt of the private sector in space projects

395. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal tinder Govefrimetit's consideration to iflvdlve tie Private Sector in a larger way in sparse projects in view of *ike* increasing problems in the procureriient of enseal components for space programmes;' and*

(b) if so, the details of the Private* see tor companies that have been involved in the space programmes *so* far

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLtES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) (a) Private sector industries are already toeing associated to a Significant extent with the raahufactnte of materials/<j«fipdnent«/sys<ems and subsystems that go into launch vehicles and satellites, as well as into ground systems for testing, launching, telemetry, tracking, satellite data reception processing and dissemination.

Greater participatidh *ot* private lector industries in India's Space projects is envisaged through the following initiatives:

Promotion of space divisions' inmore tadastries; —Concerted cotoperation: with High-technology sectors in industry including the small scale and medium seale;

—Promotion of industrial 'Consortia for major tasks;